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## ALLARD PLANS TO INTRODUCE BILL TO REOPEN SELECTION PROCESS OF MOX SITE LOCATION SAYS GOVERNOR HODGES ACTION'S HAVE RISKED NATIONAL SECURITY AND DOE MUST HAVE OPTIONS FOR NEW MOX FACILITY

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) on Thursday will introduce legislation in the U.S. Senate to reopen the Record of Decision (ROD) on the MOX (mixed oxide fuel fabrication facility) to allow the Department of Energy (DOE) to consider other locations than the Savannah River Site in South Carolina.

“The Governor of South Carolina has convinced me through his words and actions that his state is no longer interested in having the MOX facility at Savannah River,” said Senator Allard. “As a result I believe it is in the best interests of everyone to allow the Department of Energy to reopen the Record of Decision (ROD) in order to consider other locations outside the state of South Carolina.”

Allard said the decision by Governor Hodges to seek court action instead of working with members of the South Carolina congressional delegation to codify an agreement with DOE in legislation was the “last straw” for the Colorado lawmaker. The Colorado lawmaker has co-sponsored legislation offered by South Carolina Senator Strom Thurmond that would codify the agreement between DOE and South Carolina into law.

“I have worked with Senator Thurmond and Congressman Graham to try and resolve this issue in legislation. Those efforts have been spurned by Governor Hodges,” added Allard. “We need to give DOE the option of looking for a new location in order to avoid anymore delays on